



Hector De La Torre

Assembly Member 50th District

Media Advisory

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De La Torre Awards College Scholarships to Students in Southeast Region

Los Angeles, CA – Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D - South Gate) will hold Southeast College Conference Scholarship Banquet to recognize outstanding students in the 50th Assembly District. The scholarship awards are given each year to help students and their families lessen the financial burden of the soaring college costs.

- WHO:** Assemblymember Hector De La Torre
Dozens of students and parents from Bell, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Lynwood and South Gate and South East High School
Campaign for College Opportunity, Exec. Dir. Michele Siquieros
Local elected officials
Southeast Cities Schools Coalition members
- WHAT:** Hold the 15th annual Southeast College Conference Scholarship Banquet to award outstanding students in the 50th Assembly District
- WHY:** Assemblymember De La Torre has made education one of his top priorities and is committed to bringing the necessary resources to the district to allow all students including underprivileged students to alleviate the financial burden of college tuition and other needs
- WHERE:** Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Ave., Bell, CA 90201
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 7, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

Assemblymember De La Torre is committed to increasing college registration by students from the Southeast cities that comprise the 50th Assembly District including: Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Lynwood, South Gate, and the unincorporated communities of Florence-Graham and Walnut Park.

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The 15th Annual Southeast College Scholarship Banquet

Fact Sheet

- The Annual Southeast College Scholarship Banquet was established in 1993 to address the dire need for college and university outreach in the region.
- As a long time resident and member of the Southeast community, Assemblymember Hector De La Torre is a proud sponsor of the College Scholarship Banquet. Since its inception, this event has awarded scholarships to outstanding students as a means to help defray the financial burden of soaring college costs meanwhile increasing college attendance rates and closing the higher education gap.
- According to 2000 Census, less than five percent of the population in South Gate holds a bachelors degree, while an average of four percent of residents in Bell, Bell Gardens, and Lynwood hold a college degree. These percentages fall below the state average of 26 percent of the population that has a Bachelor's degree.
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- Until date, the ASCC has awarded over \$65,000 in scholarship funds to dozens of students.
- In 2006, Assemblymember De La Torre passed AB 2813, which modifies the age cap for Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award from 24 to 27 years old to reflect the average age of students transferring to a four year institution.
- Assemblymember De La Torre has made education one of his top priorities and is committed to bringing the necessary resources to the district to allow all students including underprivileged students to access colleges and universities.

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